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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "White Paper" Statement by Secretary of Defense

- 1. On 11 June 1969, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, the Subcommittee on Department of Defense of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations released the transcript of its hearings on 22 May 1969 at which the Secretary of Defense made a prepared statement on the Safeguard ABM system. This statement has been referred to as a "White Paper" on that subject.
- 2. Neither the text of the Secretary of Defense's statement nor the question of its release to the press was checked by or coordinated with the Office of Strategic Research. Officers of the Office of Strategic Research had no contact with officers of the Department of Defense concerning the statement or its release.

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